

**INCOME****SSI-RELATED BUDGETING METHODOLOGY  
IMPAIRMENT-RELATED WORK EXPENSES**

- Description:** Impairment-related work expenses are non-medical expenses directly related to enabling the disabled SSI-related individual to work. The cost of these expenses is paid by the disabled individual and is not reimbursable from another source. (See **INCOME SSI-RELATED BUDGETING METHODOLOGY BLIND WORK EXPENSES** for work expenses of the blind.)
- Policy:** For SSI-related persons, impairment related work expenses are subtracted from earned income after the \$65 deduction, but before the one-half of the remaining income disregard.
- NOTE:** Medical impairment related work expenses are not deductions in the SSI-related budgeting methodology but rather may be used to reduce excess income after the budget calculations are complete (See **INCOME EXCESS**). Where applicable, medical impairment-related work expenses are combined with other incurred medical bills to reduce excess income available to meet medical costs and services. If there is no excess income, medical impairment-related work expenses may be paid by Medicaid.
- References:**
- Dept. Reg. 360-4.6(a)(2)(v)
- ADMs 83 ADM-65  
83 ADM-17
- Disability Manual
- Interpretation:** Examples of non-medical impairment-related work expenses that may be used as a deduction for SSI-related persons are:
- Cost of modifications made to a car in order to permit a handicapped person to drive to work;
  - Wheel chair ramps;
  - Cost of special foods needed to maintain dietary restrictions while at work;
  - Work-related equipment such as one-hand typewriters, page turning devices, telecommunication devices for the deaf, Braille devices, and
  - Interpreters for the deaf.